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#### FIVE YEARS MOPR. IN THE SOVIET UNION

(On the eve of the All Russian  
Congress.)

By Helene Stassova (Moscow).

During the five years of its existence, the Mopr has become one of the greatest organisations in the Soviet Union. It performs an important public task in the Soviet Union, for it organises broad sections of non-Party workers, peasants, and intellectuals, and influences them ideologically, awakening and strengthening the conception of solidarity, internationally and nationally.

The increase in the membership of the Mopr in the U.S.S.R. is accompanied by the perfecting of its forms of organisation. The basis of democratic centralism and individual membership has enabled a uniform structure of all organisations in the U.S.S.R. to be built up. This structure is one in which the general meetings, the conferences, or the congress, of the organisations concerned, form the highest bodies of these, and elect a committee which forms the executive organ of the local organisation and organises the current works.

The scheme of organisation of the Mopr in the U.S.S.R. is thus as follows: the All Russian Congress of the Mopr elects the centrals of the Mopr; the congresses of the  
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national republics elect the national centrals; the district and goubernia conferences elect the district and goubernia committees; the country and circuit conferences elect their committees; the sub-districts elect the sub-district committees, and the general meetings elect the nucleus bureaus.

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#### THE RED AID AND THE WOMEN

By Hertah Sturm.

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In far America, in Chicago in 1926, 46 working women, 40 of them mothers, sent to prison for picketing during the garment workers' strike, but going to prison accompanied by a crowd of 400 demonstrators, and declaring: "They may imprison our bodies, but they can not imprison our spirit!"

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Women and children, in the Passaic strike in 1926, and now in Colorado and Pittsburg, are beaten in the streets of America, by cossacks, shot and crippled, attacked by tear gas bombs. Men, women, and children, were attacked and murdered by the police at a legal meeting in Halle, during the presidential elections in Germany in 1924. Women and children were the chance victims of blind police rage in the Vienna street fights; wives of all those class fighters who have been imprisoned, murdered, driven to flight, or banished to desert islands by the bourgeoisie, with or without trial; women exposed with their children to the persecutions of the policy, the employer, the landlord, and abandoned to the utmost poverty and want.

Here the work of the International Red Aid steps in.